

# LITTLE NORTH FORK BRIDGE REPAIRS PROJECT

## PALS# 61276

### PROPOSAL

Background the North Complex Fire began with a series of lightning strikes August 17, 2020. The Claremont Fire and Bear Fire located on the Plumas National Forest merged and on September 8, 2020 spotted across the Middle Fork Feather River, entered Butte County, and traveled some 30 miles that day.

The Little North Fork Bridge was damaged by fire and will require repairs.

Requests were submitted to the Regional Engineer for inspection and review for repairs.

Proposed Project Location a bridge that crosses the Little North Fork of the Middle Fork of the Feather River. The bridge is located at milepost 9.1930 along Forest Service Road 23N18. The overall bridge length is 52 feet, with a maximum span of 51 feet. The maximum deck width is 19.5 feet, with a roadway width of 18 feet.

Proposed Project Action and Description Little North Fork Bridge requires repairs to the existing timber decking, guard rail supports, glulam stringers, and one of the timber abutments. The road surface is damaged and in need of replacement.

Purpose of Action the Chief of the Forest Service and the Regional Forester have stressed that the safety of the public and our employees is our central concern.

Need for Action Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is completing project development plans to repair Little North Fork Bridge through Emergency Relief for Federally Owned Roads (ERFO).

Additional Information The proposed action is initially thought to fall within the Categorical Exclusion (CE) authorized and described in 36 CFR 220.6(e)(18): restoring wetlands, streams, riparian areas, or other water bodies by removing, replacing, or modifying water control structures.

The project is anticipated to have a decision in Winter, 2022 and implementation can begin as early as Spring, 2022. Please provide comments to Herman Wendell, [herman.wendell@usda.gov](mailto:herman.wendell@usda.gov); Alax Parker, [alax.parker@usda.gov](mailto:alax.parker@usda.gov); or Clay Davis, [clay.davis@usda.gov](mailto:clay.davis@usda.gov)